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Thanks to Jay, Joe and Jen for their help in putting this draft benthic approach memo together.

FYI Joe and Jen -- per Jay's comment, I've deleted the first threshold for statistical significance. The 10, 20, and 30 percent thresholds remain, which Jay feels is more than sufficient.

I've also included language in the first paragraph acknowledging that this request may necessitate some adjustments to schedule, which it probably will.

Can you guys each take a close look at this so we can discuss next steps and hopefully get it out the door asap? Jay would like to really focus on it for the next few days but is somewhat hesitant to do so until he has some degree of comfort about what the directed approach will be.

-R

Jay Field wrote:

> Rob,  
> looks good, except I do not think it useful to include a threshold for  
> statistical significance only. From my conversation with Lorraine,  
> LWG has already looked at this  
> and found it to be of little utility. I would attach no significance  
> to an evaluation that did not also include a minimum difference from  
> control or response value.  
> Jay  
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> Robert Neely wrote:  
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